

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said phytopharmaceutical plant is selected from the group consisting of:

Achillea millefolium

Achyranthes bidentata

Aconitum napellus

Adonis aestivalis

Agastache mexicana

Agrimonia eupatoria

Agathosma betulina

Allium sp

Anchusa officinalis

Anemopsis californica

Angelica dahurica

Angelica polymorpha sinensis (A. sinensis)

Arnica Montana

Ammi visnaga

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Asclepias tuberosa

Astragalus membranaceus

Astragalus chinensis

Baphicacanthus cusia

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Bixa orellana
Bupleurum falcatum
Brugmansia (Datura) spp.
Campanula rapunculus
Carum roxburgianum
Carum copticum
Cassia tora
Chamaelirium luteum
Chimaphila umbellata
Commiphora africana
Conium maculatum
Crithium maritimum
Datura metel (Datura alba)
Datura inoxia
Dracocephalum moldavica
Echinacea sp.
Eclipta alba (E. prostrata)
Ephedra nevadensis
Eriodictyon californicum
Eucommia ulmoides
Eupatorium perfoliatum
Filipendula vulgaris (F. hexapetala)
Gaultheria procumbens

Geum urbanum

Houttuynia cordata

Hydrocotyle asiatica (*Centella asiatica*)

Hypericum perforatum cv. *Anthos*

Inula helenium

Jatropha curcas

Leptospermum scoparium

Lespedeza capitata

Ligusticum porteri

Ligustrum lucidum

Lithospermum officinale

Lycium barbarum

Mucuna pruriens

Mandragora officinarum

Origanum dictamnus

Parietaria judaica (*P. officinalis*)

Phyllanthus emblica

Picrasma excelsa

Piniella ternate

Pogostemon patchouli

Polygonum multiflorum

Porophyllum ruderale ssp. *macrocephalum*

Prunella vulgaris

Pueraria lobata (P. thunbergiana)

Rauvolfia serpentina

Rivea corymbosa

Sanguinaria Canadensis

Satureja douglasii

Schizonepeta tenuifolia

Scutellaria baicalensis

Solanum xanthocarpum (S. surattense)

Sutherlandia frustescens

Tabebuia impetiginosa

Tribulus terrestris

Trichosanthes kirilowii

Turnera diffusa

Voacanga africana, and

Withania somnifera

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at one plant growth regulator having cytokinin activity is selected from the group consisting of thidiazuron (TDZ, *N*-phenyl-*N'*-(1,2,3-thidiazol-yl)urea), benzylaminopurine (BAP), zeatin, CPPU (*N*-(2-chloro-4pyridyl)-*N*(-phenyl urea) and 2-*I*-P (*N*6-(2-isopentenyl) adenine or 6-gamma, gamma-dimethylallylaminopurine).

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said explant is selected from the seed, petiole, hypocotyl, stem, cotyledon and leaf.

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12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said phytopharmaceutical plant is St. John's wort.

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19. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the phytopharmaceutical plant is *Echinacea sp..*

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26. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, where said phytopharmaceutical plant is Huang qin.

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33. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the phytopharmaceutical plant is feverfew.

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43. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein, in said transferring step, said regenerated tissue is subcultured for about 1 to about 15 days.

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44. (Amended) A method for phytofortification of an *in vitro*-grown phytopharmaceutical plant comprising:

- a) culturing a sterile seedling, explant or regenerated tissues to form a plantlet;
and

b) subculturing said plantlet onto a basal medium containing at least one additive of interest, to allow uptake and accumulation of said at least one additive of interest in a bio-available form in said plantlet.

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45. (Amended) The method according to claim 44, wherein, in said step of culturing, said plantlets are produced either:

- a) on a sterile explant of said phytopharmaceutical plant grown on an induction medium comprising at least one plant growth regulator having cytokinin activity, or
- b) grown from a sterile seed, or
- c) seedling in culture.

46. (Amended) The method according to claim 45, wherein said at one plant growth regulator having cytokinin activity is selected from the group consisting of thidiazuron (TDZ, *N*-phenyl-*N'*-(1,2,3-thidiazol-1-yl)urea), benzylaminopurine (BAP), zeatin, CPPU (*N*-(2-chloro-4pyridyl)-*N*(-phenyl urea) and 2-*I*-P (*N*6-(2-isopentenyl) adenine or 6-gamma, gamma-dimethylallylaminopurine).

47. (Amended) A phytopharmaceutical plant prepared by the method of claim 1 and comprising an elevated level of said additive of interest when compared to a plant grown in the absence of said additive of interest.

48. (Amended) A method for the *in vitro* microppropagation involving *de novo* shoot formation of non-meristematic tissue of a phytopharmaceutical plant comprising: